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# Sicily Gives First German Toe Hold in Mediterranean

THE ages-old hub of the mid-Mediterranean, where the Roman Empire began its rise and the Carthaginian Empire fell, where the "Sicilian Vespers" massacre drove out French oppressors to let Spanish tyrants in, where Napoleon was repulsed and Garibaldi welcomed—Sicily has again been caught in the whirlpool of history. War from the blue sub-tropical skies struck this triangular island at the toe of Italy's peninsular boot, as British bombers recently raided Catania, the second largest Sicilian city, to attack German air forces based there.

The Italian spot accorded to Germany for the first Nazi toe hold in the Mediterranean stands at the middle point of the great east-west shipping route through that strategic sea. Moreover, Italy's watchdog island overlooks the Mediterranean at the sea's central narrows, a 90-mile-wide bottleneck known as the Sicilian Channel, where north-south travel lanes are shortest and presumably easiest to protect.

# Farms without Farmhouses on Mediterranean's Largest Island

Sicily, nearly 10,000 square miles in extent, is the largest island in the Mediterranean (map, next page). With a population of more than 400 to the square mile, it also is one of the most densely settled regions of southern Europe. Yet, it is estimated that one-sixth of the crowded land is owned by fewer than 200 families.

Although more than four million people live on the island, because of large estates and the old system of absentee ownership travelers see few farmhouses. Most Sicilians are concentrated in villages ten or fifteen miles apart. Some of them "commute," frequently on foot or donkey-back, daily to and from their work in the fields miles away.

Sicily's chief farm products are lemons, oranges, and almonds, plus cereals, figs, grapes, and olives. Olives were grown there 1,500 years before Christ.

As a source of mineral wealth, Sicily contains deposits generally believed more varied than valuable, including lead, quicksilver, iron, copper, petroleum, asbestos, salt. Sulphur is the basis of a centuries-old industry which still accounts for a large share of the world's demand. With this exception, however, most of the minerals are found in too limited quantities to be worth extracting.

#### Nature's Odd Contrasts Include Volcano

Even the sulphur industry has suffered in recent years as a result of competition from new sources, especially in Texas and Louisiana. Foreign competition in fruit-growing and wine-making has added considerably to the crowded island's economic problems. Before the United States restricted immigration, the combination of economic ills and population pressure resulted in Sicily's being called the island where "going to America" was big business. The ancient Sicilian city of Syracuse has namesake towns in New York and in Kansas.

A land of striking natural contrasts, Sicily is a spot where catastrophe sometimes masks a blessing. From destructive volcanic eruption, for example, has come the fertile soil that promotes flourishing crops. Mount Etna, 10,741 feet high, was described by the ancients as the island's "awful yet bountiful lord." Still active, it is one of the world's great volcanic spectacles, drawing visitors from around the world.

Sicily's geographic location in the heart of the Mediterranean, the "Dangerous Sea," has brought her prosperity and bitter struggle. Ruins of Greek temples and palaces, scattered along the coast, tell a fragmentary story of the island's Golden

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# FOR OLD CONSTRUCTION, QUARRIES; FOR NEW DESTRUCTION, SHELTERS

Greek colonists, after founding Syracuse in 734 B.C., quarried heavy stones from the bedrock of Sicily to build the city's monumental structures. Three centuries later the quarries became dungeons for 7,000 Greek war captives who labored there as slaves. Syracuse's man-made caves of rock have served as a ropewalk in recent years, where rope makers work in sheltered shade. The use of the quarries as bomb shelters in case of air raids has been considered, now that German bases on Sicily have drawn British bombers to attack the island (Bulletin No. 1).

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# Yes, We Have More Bananas Than Ever

**B**ENJAMIN FRANKLIN, as far as anyone knows, never ate a banana. Those golden segments of the fruitful tropics were unknown to early American fruit bowls. When a bunch of bananas was exhibited at the Philadelphia Centennial in 1875, curious observers formed a constant crowd around it. Wrapped in tinfoil, the unfamiliar fruit was then sold as a novelty to the luxury trade at a dollar a dozen. England's cautious prime minister Disraeli, whose foresight gave Britain control of the Suez Canal, was twenty-seven when he first tasted bananas; surprised into superlatives, he called them "the most delicious thing in the world."

But the prodigal and progressive United States of the 1940's has enlisted this rare delicacy in the defense program, turning to utilitarian ends the mischievous little-boy trick of skidding the unwary on banana peel. In January, the cargo vessel Cape Lookout, launched in Texas, slid off the ways over 3½ tons of bananas.

### Eve Picked Bananas in Garden of Eden?

This golden newcomer among American fruits is a far-traveled alien of Oriental origin. The names of several species commemorate its Old World beginnings: Musa sapientum, "fruit of the wise men," so called because sages of India were supposed to relax in the shade of the banana tree; Musa paradisiaca, "fruit of paradise," reminiscent of a tradition that the banana tree and not the apple tree contributed to Eve's dilemma in the Garden of Eden. The dwarf banana of the Canary Islands, growing on little trees some four feet high, is still called the "Chinese dwarf." Many clues place the birth of the banana in eastern Asia south of the Himalayas.

From family-tree roots in India, China, and the Malay Peninsula, some varie-

ties traveled east to tropical Pacific islands (illustration, cover).

Alexander the Great admired bananas in India in the 4th century B.C., but for all his power he could not have them in his cooler European home. It remained for Arab botanists to transfer the yellow clusters to the Holy Land and Egypt, a thousand years later. An amazing chapter in the banana's success story is the saga of its spread through 4,000 miles of central Africa to the Atlantic Coast, where Portuguese explorers discovered it in Guinea about 1475. They promptly transplanted the fruit, its African name, and cargoes of slaves to their new colonies in the Canary Islands.

## Thirty Bunches Started Most Important U. S. Fruit Import

How bananas discovered America is a matter of record. Friar Thomas de Berlanga brought roots from the Canaries in 1516 to plant in Santo Domingo. By 1531 the Old World fruit accompanied Spaniards into Mexico. By 1607 it was at home in Panama. A Frenchman brought the Gros Michel variety, now the most popular kind on the market, in 1836 to Jamaica, and since then the Caribbean

has become the world center for banana foreign trade.

The United States first encountered the fruit, according to trade traditions, when 30 bunches arrived from Cuba on the schooner Reynard in 1804. A full cargo of 1,500 bunches reached New York in 1830. But regular imports lagged until after the Civil War. A young American engineer, M. C. Keith, in 1871 started banana plantations in Costa Rica to provide freight for the railroad he was building there. A Cape Cod captain at the same time began bringing Jamaica bananas home to keep his schooner busy. When a merger of these two enter-

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Age, when Syracuse (illustration, inside cover) and other ancient cities rose to challenge the beauty and power of the motherland, Greece. At the height of its career,

Syracuse counted nearly a million inhabitants.

After the Greeks came the Romans, who made of Sicily a huge island granary, manned by slave labor. In the centuries that followed the decline of Rome, new blood strains were added to the Sicilian stream-Teutonic, with the Gothic and Vandal invasions; Arab, with the coming of the Saracen hordes; Norman, German, French, and Spanish. At the end of the rule of the Spanish Bourbons, when the Italian patriot Garibaldi came to the aid of the revolting islanders in 1860, the melting pot of races that is Sicily finally passed to Italy.

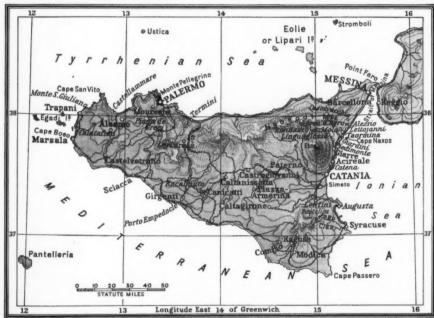
Although Syracuse grew to be one of the great metropolises of the ancient Mediterranean, it is now a relatively unimportant city compared with Palermo, with more than 400,000 people; Catania, with a quarter of a million inhabitants; and

Messina, with 192,000.

Note: Additional photographs and descriptions of Sicily are contained in "Modern Odyssey in Classic Lands," National Geographic Magazine, March, 1940; "The 'Pilgrim' Sails the Seven Seas," August, 1937; and "Zigzagging Across Sicily," September, 1924. And in the Geo-GRAPHIC NEWS BULLETINS: "Sicilian Channel Dramatizes Duel Between Sea and Air Power." February 3, 1941; and "Mount Etna Conquered by Motor Highway," December 3, 1934. Sicily may be located on the Society's Map of Classical Lands of the Mediterranean, copies

of which are available at 50¢ (paper) and 75¢ (linen).

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Drawn by Charles E. Riddiford

### WITH THREE CORNERS AND THREE SEAS, SICILY CAUGHT SAILORS BETWEEN SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS

In ancient times the Mediterranean's largest island was called Trinacria because of its three-cornered map outline. Between the west coast of mainland Italy, of which the tip shows (upper right), and Greece, sailors could not avoid passing at least one corner. The most dreaded was the northeasternmost tip, on the Strait of Messina, where the Charybdis whirlpool menaced navigators, opposite the mainland lair of the mythical monster Scylla. Although roughly only 30 per cent as large as Ireland, Sicily's 9,926-square-mile area supports four million people, almost as many as the combined population of Eire and Northern Ireland. The railroad system outlining the island's 422-mile coastline has numerous inland spurs, one encircling the volcanic cone of Mount Etna.

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# Big Diomede and Little Diomede: Russia 2 Miles from U.S.A.

WHEN the first man came to set foot on the vast unpeopled North American continent some unguessed number of centuries ago, he no doubt came from Asia by way of what is now Bering Strait, where the easternmost mainland tip of Siberia is still 55 miles from the westernmost tip of North America. The slow trickle of prehistoric eastward pioneers who peopled the Americas with Asiatic ancestors of the Indians and later the Eskimos was subject to the hazards of violent storms and polar fog sweeping through Bering Strait.

The sub-Arctic weather of this earliest American waterway, of international consequence for centuries, now has a new importance. Since the lifting of the moral embargo on shipments of strategic materials from the United States to Russia, the U.S.S.R. has given special attention to sub-polar weather conditions for protection of shipping between the two countries. This has renewed the interest in one of the vital links in the Russian chain of "Arctic stations"—that on Big

Diomede Island, in Bering Strait, 2 miles from U. S. territory.

# Bare Stepping Stones at Crossroads of Two Continents

Big Diomede is within hailing distance of Little Diomede Island, only 2 miles southeast, on the U. S. side of the Siberian-Alaskan boundary meridian through Bering Strait (illustration, next page). The American island is a bare, 2-mile-long oval rock, rising steeply 1,000 feet from the water, while its Russian companion to the northwest is larger, higher, steeper, and even more barren.

The Russian "Arctic stations" of which Big Diomede is the easternmost outpost have been set up at various points in the Soviet Union's far-flung icy domain in recent years primarily to facilitate scientific research, including studies of weather. In May, 1937, such a station was established within 10 or 12 miles of the North Pole, to drift south for nine months and observe polar conditions throughout the year's cycle of seasons. The Big Diomede station was established in 1940.

The two Diomedes stand almost exactly in the middle of Bering Strait, with Asia less than 30 miles to the west and Alaska no farther away to the east, with the Bering Sea vestibule of the Pacific opening to the south and the full sweep of the

silent Arctic Ocean to the north.

#### Eskimos Catch Birds in Nets for Food

In clear weather, the two continental mainlands are not only visible from the midway islands, but are actually in sight of each other. The weather is usually misty, however, in this region just south of the Arctic Circle. Heavy fogs hid the islands from their Russian discoverer, Vitus Bering, as he first passed them on his way through the strait which bears his name. When he later sighted one of them, he named it Diomede because the date, August 16 (1728), was St. Diomede's Day.

Despite the short distance between the islands, on the calendar they are 24 hours apart; it is noon Tuesday on Big Diomede when it is noon Monday on Little Diomede. This date difference is due to a man-made "time fence," the International Date Line, which has been traced between the islands and on southward,

dividing the Western and Eastern Hemispheres.

Fewer than 30 Eskimos lived on Big Diomede before the weather station was established. But the village climbing the rocky slope above the narrow boulder beach of Little Diomede has more than 100 inhabitants. In summer most of the

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prises in 1899 formed the United Fruit Company, there had been 114 companies

organized to bring the far-traveled Asiatic fruit to Uncle Sam.

Now bananas, nowhere commercially grown in the United States, are the nation's most important fruit import, worth seven times as much as imports of olives, fourteen times as much as pineapples, twenty times as much as dates. The peak year, 1937, brought 66½ million bunches, or "stems," to U. S. fruit stands. New Orleans is the banana's chief port of entry, with New York second.

Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala, in that order, send the country 60 per cent of all its banana imports. Except El Salvador, every other Central American country contributes also to those imports, plus Colombia and Ecuador and the Caribbean

islands of Jamaica, Cuba, and Hispaniola,

But patronizing laughs, as in O. Henry's day, at Central American lands as "banana republics" are now out of date. Their handling of the banana trade is nothing ludicrous, with precision-timing in cultivation of the fruit and assembly-line efficiency in the processes of collecting the stems and loading them on air-conditioned ships. Primitive conditions are becoming exceptional (illustration, below).

Moreover, only one of these countries now bases the national economy on fruit trade—Honduras, where the banana supplies four-fifths of all exports. For the others it is a sideline. British Honduras specializes in mahogany, Panama in Canal traffic; coffee is the chief export of Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

A single bunch is the life work of a banana tree, which in its brief life shows eyes, hands, and fingers. The banana biography starts not with a seed, but with a rootstock cutting, which, like a sprouting potato, has an "eye" to plant. The "trunk" of the tree, which may grow 40 feet high, is merely a tightly sheathed cluster of leaves, from which the single heavy bud grows out and droops. The opening bud reveals small "fingers," which grow upward and thicken into "hands," or row clusters, of up-tilted bananas (see bunches in illustration on last page).

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### NICARAGUA FINDS BANANAS EASY TO RAISE, HARD TO EXPORT

In Costa Rica, railroads and banana exports grew up side by side, to their mutual advantage, but in mountainous volcanic Nicaragua to the north banana shipments have been hampered by difficulties of transportation. The largest Central American republic stands ninth among the countries supplying the United States. With only 367 miles of railroad, Nicaragua must depend on ox-cart tracks or rivers turbulent with rapids. Where steamboats cannot navigate, primitive rafts carry small cargoes of bananas slowly down the rivers, frequently with a whole family camping on the front of the raft. In spite of handicaps, which include an attack of "sigatoka," the banana blight, more than 1,700,000 Nicaraguan bunches reached the U. S. in 1939.

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Little Diomede Eskimos sail over to Nome, Alaska, for seasonal work. younger people speak Russian and English in addition to their Chukchi dialect.

The rocky surfaces of both islands are covered with dark, scaly lichens, except when summer brings blooms of the blue monkshood and the walnut-sized "Eskimo potato." The Eskimos on both islands live frugally on fish, sea mammals, and birds, the latter caught in long-handled nets from blinds built of rocks (illustration

at end of Index).

On the trail of prehistoric Eskimo migrations, the National Geographic Society and the Smithsonian Institution jointly sponsored an expedition in 1936 which visited both Little and Big Diomede Islands. Evidence from kitchen middens on both islands showed that this was the route by which Eskimos entered America from Asia, presumably some 2,000 years ago, bringing with them the "Golden Age" culture of what is known as the Old Bering Sea period of Eskimo history. It is highly probable, although not yet proved, that by this same route man first entered the American continent, by pre-Eskimo migration of ancestors of the Indians.

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#### RUSSIA LOOMS FAINTLY ACROSS LITTLE DIOMEDE'S FRONT-YARD FENCE

The low-lying mists so characteristic of the region partly conceal Big Diomede Island, the easternmost extension of the U.S.S.R., two miles northwest of its companion island on the American side of the international boundary. The two islands made Bering Strait-the shortest distance between the two continents--an easy hop-skip-and-jump for immigrating ancestors of the Indians and Eskimos. The National Geographic Society and the Smithsonian Institution jointly sent an expedition in 1936 to the islands to study remains of those earliest Americans. Kitchen middens show that Eskimos inhabited the site of this tall, weather-tight frame house 2,000 years ago. Older houses (right foreground) were built chiefly of stones, because no trees grow on these sub-Arctic islands. Driftwood and Alaskan lumber yards supplied the wood for the newer structures. The Eskimo children are educated in American mainland schools.

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Birds are man's only wild animal companions on Big and Little Diomede Islands, except occasionally in winter when a fox or polar bear roams out over the ice from the mainland. Not even mice live there. Hosts of auklets, puffins, kittiwakes, and other Arctic birds breed among the rocks of the steep slopes, making the islands famous among ornithologists around the world. Poultry for dinner, as a variation from the perpetual fish diet, is caught wild on the wing, in a net on a long light pole. This Eskimo lad on Little Diomede was photographed rising excitedly from his blind in the pile of rocks to "fish" in the air for a crested auklet.

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Fish:

Frogs: Fruit:

Sponges: Toads:

Trees:

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# LIKE OTHER "COFFEE COUNTRIES," BRAZIL ALSO SERVES BANANAS ON THE SIDE

While the higher altitudes in Brazil produce the world's largest coffee crop, the humid tropical lowlands along the Atlantic coast and the Amazon valley are dotted with the lush green foliage of banana plantations. Santos, for example, which is the seaport for the coffee crop of inland and higher São Paulo, ships bunches of the fruit grown on a million trees in its own back yard. Each bunch, or "stem," is stacked for loading into the hold of the vessel with its top toward the center of the pile; the bunch grows on the tree with the fruit pointing upward. Most of the banana exports travel southward to the temperate countries down Argentina way, almost none reaching the United States. In addition to the naturalized Asiatic banana tree cultivated on Brazilian plantations, explorers have reported the discovery of wild, possibly native, bananas in the valley of the Amazon.

